

Director, Central Intelligence

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Repatriation of Separated FBIS Cairo Bureau Employees

1. When FBIS took over the operation of the British Royal Monitoring Station in Cairo on 1 June 1946, the Military Attache to the American Embassy in Cairo assumed on behalf of the United States responsibility for the costs of repatriating upon termination of employment twelve employees of the Station. Such a transportation guarantee was required under the Egyptian law governing the employment of foreign nationals.

2. Four of the twelve employees named have been separated voluntarily in such a manner that it has not been necessary for FBIS Cairo to pay costs of repatriation. In March, 1948, however, five of the remaining eight employees were involuntarily separated. These employees are not permitted to return to their respective countries of origin and have therefore refused repatriation. The Egyptian Government has been notified of this fact. They have, however, applied to FBIS Cairo, for equivalent transportation support to a country of their choice.

3. Inquiry is made whether FBIS Cairo is obliged or authorized to pay such transportation costs not to exceed the cost of repatriation to country of origin. The American Embassy in Cairo has no opinion on this subject.

4. Attached are copies of the assumption of responsibility on behalf of the United States and of notification to the Egyptian Government of the separation of the five employees in question.

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